

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA

Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
February 15, 2007
12:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Lumpkin County/Dawson County Water Interconnect Project
- Personnel Matters (executive session)
- Litigation Regarding Signs (executive session)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 15, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the Special Called Meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. in the conference room of the Lumpkin County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, and Clarence Grindle. Clarence Stowers was unable to attend due to illness.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to include land acquisition in the executive session of the agenda and to then approve the agenda. John Raber seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Lumpkin County/Dawson County Water Interconnect Project

Mark French gave background on this project.

Kathleen Henderson, of the USDA said that before USDA can fund this project certain conditions must be met. She has provided a letter spelling out those conditions, which is attached as part of these minutes. Ms. Henderson said the County will have about six months to complete all these conditions and that a compliance review will be required.

The County must also provide evidence in a letter that the County's portion of matching funds is on hand. The County's match will be the first funding that will be used. However, if any grant money is still available with completion of the project those remaining funds can be used for other water-related projects.

Project funding is an estimation based on the County's application and disbursement of grant funds will be provided by a pay estimate. Upon disbursement those funds will go into the County's bank account.

In a response to a question from Dudley Owens, Ms. Henderson stated that she would find out if items that were not publicly bid out can be included in the County's match. The work in question was done by a private entity that gifted pipeline to the County.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve the USDA resolution as presented. This was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion that Steve Gooch be the contact person for the County.

Following discussion Commissioner Hutcheson withdrew her motion. The County Manager will assign a contact person.

Ms. Henderson said that USDA has money available for libraries and courthouses. They can do loans at 4.5% for forty years.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to go into executive session. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by commissioners Raber, Hutcheson and Grindle. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 12:50 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to come out of executive session at 1:47 p.m. John Raber seconded the motion. All district commissioners present at the meeting approved the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Gooch read from a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation stating that until they are in receipt of a commitment letter from White and Lumpkin Counties that they will not consider going forward with the Sandy Flats/Dugas Road Project.

Chairman Gooch explained that a personnel issue had been discussed in the Executive Session and now needed a vote.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to increase the County Manager's salary from \$82,245.50 to \$85,535.32 per year. Deborah Hutcheson seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson and Grindle voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to deny Jack Hartrampf's offer pertaining to a matter under litigation.

Following discussion Commissioner Hutcheson withdrew her motion.

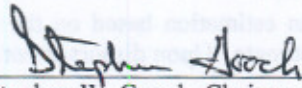
Chairman Gooch announced that no action was taken or needed at this time on land acquisition.

ADJOURN

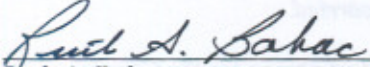
Chairman Gooch then called for a motion to adjourn at 2:01 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners who were present. Motion carried.

3-15-2007
Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County